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The Honorable Brian Burke, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
316 South, State Capitol
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The Honorable John Gard, Co-Chair
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Dear Senator Burke and Representative Gard:

The Department of Workforce Development is submitting this report, required by Joint Finance Motion 5010 adopted at the December 21, 1999 s.13.10 meeting, for the Workforce Attachment and Advancement (WAA) program.

The motion directed DWD to develop a methodology to track the impact of the WAA program on participants' earnings. The motion further directed DWD to submit a report on that methodology by March 1, 2000. DWD submitted a report to the Committee on February 29, 2000 that included an analysis of the data sources that could be used for this measure.

The motion also directed DWD to produce a report on the impact of the WAA program on participant earnings by March 1, 2001. As stated in a letter from DWD dated February 29, 2000 (attached), a report on employment outcomes from the first year (CY2000) of WAA program operation would be submitted by March 1, 2001 and an earnings report would be submitted as soon as earnings data is available.

At this time, the Department can report on caseload and types of services, and this data is included in this report. In order for the legislature to have information for 2001-03 budget deliberations, the Department will prepare an ad hoc report on placement, retention and earnings outcomes no later than mid-May. Starting in July 2001, the systems will be in place to report routinely on WAA performance standards.

If you have any questions on the information in the attached paper please contact Jennifer Noyes, Administrator, Division of Workforce Solutions, at 266-3035.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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